



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Carson and Albani
Application No.: 09/616,247
Filed: July 14, 2000
Title: VACCINE COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS USEFUL IN INDUCING
IMMUNE PROTECTION AGAINST ARTHRITIC PEPTIDES
INVOLVED IN THE PATHOGENESIS OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

Art Unit: 1645
Examiner: Shahnan-Shah, K.S.

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a Response to the Final Office Action mailed August 13, 2002.

The requested extension is for three (3) months, extending the period for response to February 13, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$420.00 is enclosed as the balance for the three-month extension of time fee, \$260.00 (\$465.00 - \$205.00 = \$260.00) and the Notice of Appeal fee, \$160.00. (A one-month extension of time fee was paid with the response filed November 18, 2002 in this matter. The balance for a two-month extension of time fee was paid with the

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on February 13, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Box AF, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

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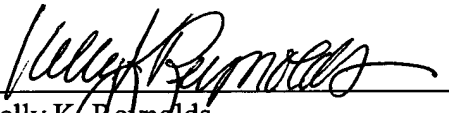
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response filed January 7, 2003 in this matter.) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of the transmittal sheet is enclosed

Respectfully submitted,

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